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**MAYOR PEREZ PROUD  
NEW APPELLATE COURT BUILDING  
PART OF HARTFORD'S REVITALIZATION**

(September 8, 2005)--- Mayor Eddie Perez is pleased that 75 Elm Street in Hartford is the new home of the State Appellate Court Building, keeping a rich tradition of justice in the Capital City.

Mayor Perez says, "This is more than a \$6.1 million state construction project. This building is symbol of justice. Renovating this historic architectural structure is a valuable asset to the growth of Hartford, particularly along the City's Historic Bushnell Park."

In 1982, the State of Connecticut's Constitution was amended to establish the Appellate Court to help alleviate the caseload burden of the Supreme Court and better serve the citizens of the state.

The appellate court was officially established in 1983 and formerly located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Hartford Judicial District Courthouse at 95 Washington Street.

The new home was originally built as the Scottish Union and National Fire Insurance Company headquarters in 1913. The grounds of this historic property have been fully renovated to include a courtroom, judicial chambers, a library, a conference room, and administrative spaces for the court's clerk and staff.